

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A guide device for use in securing a spinal fixation plate to a spine is provided. In a preferred embodiment, the guide device generally includes a support member having first and second arms mated thereto. Each arm includes a proximal end and a distal end having at least one guide member coupled thereto and defining a pathway for receiving a tool. One or both arms can be slidably movable along the support member to allow the distance between the arms to be adjusted. In use, the arms can be adjusted to couple to a spinal fixation plate and to position the guide member on each arm in alignment with the fixation plate. The guide device can then be used to drill, awl, tap, and insert implants, such as spinal screws, into the vertebral bodies to attach the fixation plate thereto.

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